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SUBJECT: BOSPHORUS TRANSIT OF KIEV AIRCRAFT CARRIER

A TURK PRESS SOURCE HAS ADVISED ME THAT AS OF MID-DAY SUNDAY (JULY 18) TURK MFA IS INDICATING THAT IT HAD NO REPEAT NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF KIEV'S BOSPHOROUS TRANSIT. THE TRANSIT WAS COMPLETED SUNDAY JULY 18 SHORTLY AFTER 0730 ISTANBUL TIME. I PERSONALLY WITNESSED LATTER PORTION OF IT, HAVING BEEN IN ISTANBUL AT THE TIME AND HAVING BEEN ALERTED BY US CONGEN OFFICIAL RESIDING FURTHER UPSTREAM. EMBASSY HAS NOT REPEAT NOT CONTACTED MFA DIRECTLY AS I THINK IT BEST THAT SUCH AN INITIATIVE COME FROM A SIGNATORY TO THE MONTREUX CONVENTION. UPON MY PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MID-MORNING RETURN TO ANKARA, HOWEVER, I DID GET IN TOUCH WITH MY UK COLLEAGUE HERE. SIR HORACE PHILLIPS HAD NOT HEARD OF TRANSIT BUT HE ADVISED ME THAT SOVIETS HAD EARLIER GIVEN NOTICE THAT "CRUISER NUMBER 860" WOULD TRANSIT BOSPHOROUS ON JULY 18 AND THAT UK OFFICIALS HAD

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SPECULATED THAT "CRUISER NUMBER 860" MIGHT TURN OUT TO THE

KIEV.

VIEWED FROM THE STARBOARD SIDE, THE KIEV RESEMBLES
A LARGE CRUISER WITH A FLATTENED OUT AFTER-SECTION.
VIEWED FROM THE STERN, HOWEVER, IT IS UNMISTAKABLY AN
AIRCRAFT CARRIER. FROM MY VANTAGE POINT, I COULD SEE NO
FIXED WING AIRCRAFT ON DECK AND ONLY ONE
HELICOPTER.
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